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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 2293

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SINGAPORE AND "DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA" ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS

REF: SINGAPORE 2183

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1. GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE MAY 6 CARRIED TEXT OF JOINT COM-  
MUNIQUE BETWEEN GOS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA  
ANNOUNCING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBAS-  
SADORIAL LEVEL EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 1976.

2. TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DESIROUS OF PROMOTING THE FRIENDLY  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ON THE BASIS OF THE  
PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE,  
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND OF NON-INTERFERENCE  
IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF EACH COUNTRY, AND WISHING TO STRENGTHEN  
THEIR RELATIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF COUNTRIES,  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND THE GOVERNMENT  
OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS AS AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH EFFECT FROM 6 MAY, 1976.

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UNQUOTE.

END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA LEE CHIONG GIAM TOLD DCM MAY 7 THAT GOS DID NOT EXPECT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A KAMPUCHEAN EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE OR A SINGAPORE EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. NOR DID HE EXPECT THAT EITHER PARTY WOULD ACCREDIT AN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT ELSEWHERE TO THE OTHER'S CAPITAL (HE DID NOT THINK THAT KAMPUCHEA HAD ESTABLISHED ANY EMBASSIES IN THE REGION, AND FELT IT WAS UNLIKELY IT WOULD DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE). IN ANY EVENT, GOS WOULD NOT RAISE THE MATTER AND WOULD LEAVE THE INITIATIVE TO KAMPUCHEA. LEE DID THINK THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE KAMPUCHEA A "LICENSE" TO SEND OVER TO SINGAPORE A DELEGATION LED BY AN AMBASSADOR WHENEVER IT WISHED TO DISCUSS ANY BILATERAL MATTERS.

4. LEE NOTED THAT THE KAMPUCHEAN DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SINGAPORE DELEGATION. HE THOUGHT THIS MOVE MAY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE RECENT ELECTION IN CAMBODIA AND THE DECISION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT. AS REFTEL NOTED, FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM BELIEVES THE PRC INSPIRED THE KAMPUCHEAN INITIATIVE. HOLDRIDGE

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